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Professor J. Hardy Ropes,
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My dear Professor Ropes:

It was very kind of you to send me the copy of the Lowell Institute announcement for the present year. Several of your courses seem to be very interesting indeed. I should think that that by Wilfred Warden would be particularly good. Professor Wavor of our Department of Political Economy is writing to Dr. Cunningham to see whether he can visit Toronto while he is on this side.

The war hangs over us as a terrible cloud. Probably it does not affect you in the same way as it does us. People are volunteering on all sides. We have a dozen of our staff now on their way to the front, and with the second contingent we may have as many more. The attendance at the University is larger than I had expected, but probably some of them will be off before long. One looks forward almost with agony to the coming winter. We feel also that there can be only one issue if modern democracy is to prevail, and if it does not the world would hardly be worth living in.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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PUBLIC LECTURES
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNDER
THE LOWELL INSTITUTE

(Founded in 1836 by John Lowell, Jr., and opened to the Public in 1839.)

PROGRAM FOR 1914-1915.

THE TRUSTEE of the Lowell Institute under the will of John Lowell, Jr., maintains annually in the City of Boston various Courses of Public Lectures. For the present—the seventy-sixth—season five distinct Series are provided, as follows:—

- I. FREE PUBLIC LECTURES IN HUNTINGTON HALL,—the Rogers Building, 491 Boylston Street.
- II. FREE EVENING SCHOOL FOR INDUSTRIAL FOREMEN.
- III. TEACHERS' SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.
- IV. COLLEGIATE COURSES.
- V. FREE LECTURES IN KING'S CHAPEL ON CURRENT TOPICS IN THEOLOGY.

Further information in regard to each of the several Series is given below.

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, *Trustee.*

W. T. SEDGWICK, *Curator.*

SERIES I. FREE PUBLIC LECTURES IN HUNTINGTON HALL.

LOWELL INSTITUTE LECTURES open to the public will be given this year, as in recent years, in Huntington Hall, Rogers Building, 491 Boylston Street, Boston. The several Courses will be announced in advance, with full particulars, in the advertising columns of the *Boston Evening Transcript* and as far as possible in the *Quarterly Bulletins* of the Boston Public Library. They are briefly described on the next page.

Admission to these Courses is Free, but only by Ticket (except as stated in paragraph 7 beyond), the number of tickets being limited by the capacity of the Hall.

Tickets are distributed to the public under the following rules:

1. *Admission tickets to the First Lecture* of each Course will be mailed, one to each applicant, in the order of application, and until the supply is exhausted, to all persons whose letters of application are received at least two days before the beginning of any Course by the CURATOR OF THE LOWELL INSTITUTE, 491 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, and are accompanied by stamped addressed envelopes. (See paragraphs 3 and 4 beyond.)


In such envelopes, when duly stamped and addressed, tickets will be

mailed as soon as they are ready for distribution and if the supply is not already exhausted. If, however, as often happens, the desired tickets are not yet ready for distribution, the envelopes will be kept on file in the order of application, and, as a rule, tickets for any Course will be mailed to applicants a few days only before the actual beginning of that Course.


When tickets are in great demand, only one ticket will be mailed to any one applicant or in any one stamped addressed envelope.

2. *Persons desiring to secure tickets for more than one Course* must send A SEPARATE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR EACH TICKET FOR EACH COURSE.

3. On and after the day on which a Course begins, any tickets left over for that Course may be obtained at the Office of the Lowell Institute, 491 Boylston Street, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M.; or by sending to the Curator (with a specific request for such left-over tickets) a stamped addressed envelope; but, inasmuch as it is intended to distribute tickets chiefly by mail, *no tickets will be given out at the Office of the Lowell Institute for any Course before the day on which that Course begins.*

4.  Persons attending the *First Lecture* of any Course may, just before entering the Hall, EXCHANGE their *Admission tickets to the First Lecture* for TICKETS GOOD FOR RESERVED SEATS FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE.

5. In order to give all applicants equal opportunity, all reserved-seat tickets are placed beforehand in envelopes, some containing one ticket good for one reserved seat, some containing two or more tickets good for adjoining reserved seats. These envelopes are then shuffled, and at the First Lecture of any Course all who desire to do so may, as just stated (see paragraph 4), EXCHANGE their *First-lecture Admission tickets* at tables in the vestibule, for envelopes, drawn by lot, containing COURSE tickets good for RESERVED SEATS.

6.  Two or more persons wishing to sit together may, by surrendering together their *First-lecture Admission tickets* (see paragraph 4),

exchange these before entering the Hall for envelopes containing Course tickets for ADJOINING RESERVED SEATS.

7. A limited number of applicants WITHOUT TICKETS OF ANY KIND may as heretofore obtain admission to the Hall (and almost always good seats) for any lecture by waiting in line in the vestibule at the foot of the stairs.

8. At all lectures in Huntington Hall THE DOORS ARE CLOSED WHEN THE LECTURE BEGINS AND NO ONE is afterward allowed to enter.

Ticket holders are requested to return promptly to the Curator or to the Office, for the benefit of others, tickets which they find they cannot use.

A History of the Lowell Institute, by Harriette Knight Smith, giving a complete list of the lecturers in previous years, the subjects of their lectures, etc., was published in 1898, but is now out of print.

THE FIRST COURSE will be eight lectures by WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, D.D., F.B.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, England, and Archdeacon of Ely, on **Christianity and Politics**. 1. CHRISTENDOM AND THE REFORMATION. 2. CHURCH AND STATE IN ENGLAND. 3. PRESBYTERIANISM AND THE SUPREMACY OF SCRIPTURE. 4. INDEPENDENTS AND THE SUPREMACY OF CONSCIENCE. 5. INDIVIDUAL WORTH AND VOLUNTARY ACTION. 6. THE COERCIVE POWERS OF THE STATE. 7. ASSOCIATION OF COMMON INTERESTS. 8. POSITIVE CHRISTIAN DUTY. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m., beginning Tuesday, October 13.

THE SECOND COURSE will be eight lectures by CLIFFORD H. MOORE, Professor in Harvard University, on **Greek Religious Thought from Homer to the Triumph of Christianity**. On Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m., beginning Monday, October 26.

THE THIRD COURSE will be eight lectures by ARCHIBALD CARY COOLIDGE, Professor of Modern History in Harvard University, on **International Relations in Europe since 1870**. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., beginning Tuesday, November 17.

THE FOURTH COURSE will be six lectures by WALTER B. CANNON, M.D., Professor of Physiology in Harvard University, on **Bodily Changes under Emotional Excitement**. On Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m., beginning Monday, November 23.

THE FIFTH COURSE will be six lectures by KUNO FRANCKE, Professor in Harvard University, on **Personality in German Literature**. On Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m., beginning Monday, January 4.

THE SIXTH COURSE will be six lectures by WILFRID WARD, M.A., of Dorking, England, author of the *Life of Cardinal Newman* and editor of the *Dublin Review*, on **The True Nature of Cardinal Newman's Genius**. 1. NEWMAN AND THE CRITICS. 2. THE UNITY OF NEWMAN'S WORK. 3. THE SOURCES OF NEWMAN'S STYLE. 4. NEWMAN'S PHILOSOPHY. 5. PERSONALITY IN APOLOGETIC. 6. NEWMAN'S PSYCHOLOGICAL INSIGHT. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m., beginning Tuesday, January 19.

THE SEVENTH COURSE will be eight lectures by CHARLES H. HASKINS, Gurney Professor of History and Political Science in Harvard University, on the **Normans in European History**. 1. NORMANDY AND ITS PLACE IN HISTORY. 2. THE COMING OF THE NORTHMEN. 3. NORMANDY AND ENGLAND. 4. THE NORMAN EMPIRE. 5. NORMANDY AND FRANCE. 6. NORMAN LIFE AND CULTURE. 7. THE NORMANS IN THE SOUTH. 8. THE NORMAN KINGDOM OF SICILY. On Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., beginning Wednesday, February 10.

THE EIGHTH COURSE will be eight lectures by WILLIAM ERNEST HOCKING, Professor of Philosophy in Harvard University, on **Human Instincts and their Transformations**. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., beginning Tuesday, February 16.

SERIES II. FREE EVENING SCHOOL FOR INDUSTRIAL FOREMEN.

Under the Auspices of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Trustee of the Lowell Institute has established, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Free Evening School for Industrial Foremen, comprising at present three Courses, a Mechanical, an Electrical, and a Buildings Course, each extending over two years.

The Courses of Instruction.—These Courses are intended to bring the systematic study of applied science within the reach of young men who are following industrial pursuits and desire to fit themselves for higher positions, but are unable to attend Courses during the day. The subjects included in the Courses are as follows:

First-year Mechanical and Electrical Courses.—Mathematics; Physics and Elementary Electricity; Elements of Mechanism, and Drawing.

Second-year Mechanical Course.—Elements of Thermodynamics, the Steam-engine and Boilers; Valve-gears; Applied Mechanics; Elementary Hydraulics; Testing Laboratory; Steam and Hydraulic Laboratory; Mechanism and Machine Design.

Second-year Electrical Course.—Elements of Thermodynamics, the Steam-engine and Boilers; Valve-gears; Steam Laboratory; Direct Current Machinery; Alternating Currents; Electric Distribution; Electrical Testing Laboratory; and Laboratory of Dynamo Electric Machinery.

First-year Buildings Course.—Mathematics; Physics and Elementary Electricity; Elements of Mechanism, and Drawing; Applied Mechanics and Graphic Statics; Steam and Hydraulic Machinery; and Heating and Ventilation.

Second Year.—Materials and Testing Materials; Structural Design; Foundations; Electric Machinery and Electrical Laboratory; Electrical Wiring; Steam Laboratory; and Buildings Laws, Contracts, Sanitation, etc.

Those who complete satisfactorily the required Courses of the two years and pass the examinations are given Certificates. The present school year will begin September 28, 1913. Attendance from 7.30 to 9.30 for three or four evenings a week is required, in addition to outside study.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION. To be admitted to the first-year course, the applicant must be at least eighteen years of age and pass

satisfactorily entrance examinations in Arithmetic (including the Metric System), Elementary Algebra, Plane Geometry, and Mechanical Drawing. These examinations may be, in a measure, of a competitive nature, and considerable weight will be attached to the applicant's occupation and practical experience. The courses are open only to those who are ambitious and willing to study.

✎ A circular giving detailed information regarding the nature of the entrance examinations and other requirements may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Director, Professor Charles F. Park, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

SERIES III. TEACHERS' SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Courses in this school are now included in the Extension Courses given by a combination of all the colleges in and about Boston; and as such they count as quarter courses for the A.A. degree at Harvard University, Tufts College, Radcliffe College, and Wellesley College. In accordance with a provision in the will of John Lowell, Jr., there will be a charge for each of these courses of \$5 or less. They are

given mainly under the auspices of the Boston Society of Natural History.

✎ For further information in regard to these Courses application should be made to Professor George H. Barton, Director, 234 Berkeley Street, Boston, or to the Commission on Extension Courses, University Hall, Cambridge.

SERIES IV. COLLEGIATE COURSES.

These also have become a part of the University Extension Courses, and as such they count towards the A.A. degree. In accordance with a provision in the will of John Lowell, Jr., there will be charged for each Collegiate Course a fee of \$5 or less.

✎ A circular giving information about these and other Courses offered by the Associated Colleges may be obtained by applying to the COMMISSION ON EXTENSION COURSES, University Hall, Cambridge.

SERIES V. FREE LECTURES IN KING'S CHAPEL ON CURRENT TOPICS IN THEOLOGY.

Under the Auspices of the Harvard Divinity School.

FREE LECTURES ON CURRENT TOPICS IN THEOLOGY, maintained by the Lowell Institute under the auspices, and by arrangement of the Faculty, of the Harvard Divinity School, will be given this year, as in recent years, in King's Chapel, Tremont Street, Boston. Admission is FREE and no tickets will be required. Detailed announcements will be made about November first.

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December 11th, 1914

Professor J. H. Ropes,
Harvard University.

My dear Professor Ropes:

We are in difficulty through popular clamour with the German members of our staff. I have been resisting it because the men have done nothing amiss, but in order to relieve the tension they have been granted leave of absence until the end of the present academic year on full pay.

The only man about whom I need to write to you is Professor Benzinger. The reason that I am writing to you is that I wrote last week to President Lowell and have had no answer. Do you think that it would be possible for you to send us from Harvard a man for next session, who is not a German nor of pro-German proclivities? If you could do so, we would gladly send you Benzinger. You know his reputation as a scholar. We have found him an excellent teacher who holds his classes admirably, and who as a man is very pleasant indeed. If it were possible to arrange an exchange it would help us. President Hadley tells me they have no one at Yale, but suggests Mr. Sprengling, who he thinks is an American by birth. Have you any one in mind that would suit us? I am also writing to President Fitch and to Chicago and Pennsylvania.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 17th, 1914

My dear Professor Ropes:

Many thanks for your letter. I am sorry that you have so far been unable to secure an exchange for Professor Benzinger, but I am still going to make inquiries. I am much indebted to you for your interest in the matter.

With the season's greetings,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Professor J. B. Ropes,
Harvard University.

President.

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April 8th, 1915

Professor J. H. Ropes,
Harvard University.

Dear Professor Ropes:

The Bursar informs me that he is sending you to-day a draft for \$100 in payment of the contribution of the University to the Archaeological School at Jerusalem.

We are nearing the end of our session here. On account of the war and in order to allow students to enlist for the front we are to close on the 21st of May. Already we have some 450 students of this year either at the front or in service on the way, which has meant a great upsetting of all our plans for the winter. I hope, however, from indications that the end of the war is nearer than we had feared it might be earlier in the session.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.